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## Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland, Sadie Hodge, Beth Dyer (cancer)
- Ora Barrett
- Connie Montgomery
- Emily Linton
- Andy Duncan (Liver transplant)

## Communion Preparation

2026 preparation list is in foyer

August - Potts

September - Carlberg

October - Rowell

## Birthday / Anniversary

Donald Montgomery - 4th

Jill Carlberg - 14th

Will Parker - 30th

Chuck & Sonja Rowell - 11th

Corey & Calista Murphy - 18th

## Men to Serve

Announcements - Larry Montgomery

Scripture Reading - Ephesians 5:6 - 11

Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Shay Cooper

Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:17 - 25

Closing Prayer - Dwight Callens



08 / 16 / 2026

# WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved.

Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

Bible Study //  
9:30 am  
Worship Service //  
10:30 am

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study //  
7:00 pm

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# SERMON NOTES

## Doing Right Because It Is Right

By Mike Riley

Offering various rewards as an incentive to motivate folks to do something, permeates today's society. We've all seen parents in grocery stores think only in terms of rewarding their children — even rewarding them for bad behavior. When a parent says to their child, "If you will be quit throwing a temper tantrum, I'll buy you this candy bar," the parent is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants.

Many churches are offering physical rewards for the purpose of gaining more people. It ranges from the "gospel of health and wealth" philosophy that says, "If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000," to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to attend their services.

Whatever happened to doing right because it is right? It's true that Jesus offers men rewards, but those incentives have nothing to do with fleshly desires. In fact, He condemns those who follow him only because they are being fed (John 6:26-27). God expects right behavior, because He is holy and we must be like him in order to share in the life to come (1 Peter 1:1-16; 1 John 2:6).

Christians are committed to a way of life that is righteous, because it is the right way to live (1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12; 1 Peter 3:8-17). Sometimes the righteous life may offer a material advantage, but that isn't why the Christian lives that way. At other times, being righteous may incur a difficult road — the righteous may be mocked and persecuted (Matthew 10:16-24; cf. Matthew 5:11-12). The disciple of the Lord does right when people speak well of him and when they do not — his motivation is doing right, simply because it is the right thing to do.

## Doing Wrong Is Always Wrong!

By Mike Riley

In our society of loose and sagging morals, Satan provides us many rationalizations for sinful behavior. Those who would live faithful Christian lives, must not be "ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11).

1) Doing wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions (Genesis 3:6-13).

2) Doing wrong is always wrong, even if we don't get caught. Let us remember that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3; cf. Hebrews 4:13).

3) Doing wrong is always wrong, even if we do something for a good cause. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. The end never justifies the means. John tells us that, "All sin is transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4).

4) Doing wrong is always wrong, even if others are doing worse things. If we loose our souls on judgment day, it will bring us little comfort knowing that others did things which we considered to be worse than our own sins. The Proverb writer states, "The thought of foolishness is sin" (Proverbs 24:9).

5) Doing wrong is always wrong, even if it doesn't bother our conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong-doing (1 Timothy 4:1-2; cf. Ephesians 4:17-19). Even an honest sin or evil done in sincerity, is sinful in the sight of the holy God (1 Samuel 15:20-24; Gal. 6:7).

6) Doing wrong is always wrong, even if it is commonly considered acceptable by the majority, for the Scripture says, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2). The Christian should "not enter the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on" (Proverbs 4:14-15). "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Let's remember, it's never right to do a wrong — no matter what the majority might say! Doing wrong is always wrong! (Isaiah 5:20).

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)